

SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

BACKGROUND: The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	9	445	89	24	0	567
NAVY	260	89	19	0	7	375
MARINE CORPS	22	173	16	8	0	219
AIR FORCE	191	155	225	17	0	588
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	20	8	5	0	34
TOTALS	483	882	357	54	7	1783
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
FURTHER PURSUIT	192	490	307	43	4	1036
DEFERRED	36	45	9	7	0	97
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	255	347	41	4	3	650
TOTALS	483	882	357	54	7	1783

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

AMERICAN REMAINS REPATRIATED POST- JANUARY 27, 1973:

VIETNAM	616
CHINA	3
LAOS	215
CAMBODIA	29
TOTAL	863

This change reflects the accounting of one U.S. Air Force officer who was missing in action from North Vietnam.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 22943 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1989
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5308
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5814
DOGTAGS	9832
TOTAL	22943

- a. Of the 1989 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1942 (97.64%) reports are resolved.
 - 1341 (67.42%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
 - 45 (2.26%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 556 (27.95%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 47 (2.36%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 43 (2.16%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 4 (0.20%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. Since mid-1982, 9832 “dog tag” reports have been received on over 10,000 names.
 - Generally speaking 93% of those names reported are individuals who returned to the U.S. alive
 - 5% correspond to U.S. remains that have been recovered/identified and buried in the U.S.
 - and 2% relate to individuals who remain unaccounted for.
- d. In all instances, dog tag reports receive thorough investigative attention, to include informing the military services of those reports with valid names so next of kin can be advised as appropriate.

The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

CAPTIVE

Pre-1976	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	2006 - 2010	Total
34	2	0	1	0	3	3	0	43

NON-CAPTIVE

Pre-1976	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	2006-2010	Total
1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4